

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

Pastoral Associate: Deacon Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S.

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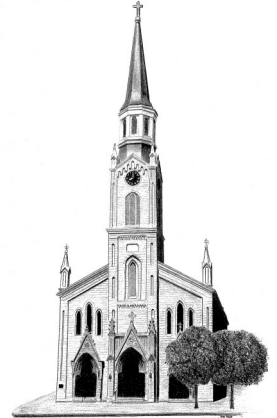
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Clemans & Bellino family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Santina Tarlano

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....James Monnin

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Rosalie Caperna

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Michael Zennie

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom Kain

Thursday, December 21

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Edwin Gonzalez Jr.

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Timothy Abel

Friday, December 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Sussane Benne &
Kara & Companions

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Mary & Bud Kraft

Saturday, December 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Michael Burgei

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Paul Tarlano

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpec O'Kane

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Nat Smargiassi

Sunday, December 24

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ed Clemans

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

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11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

4:30PM St. Joseph.....Christine Durr

5:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For all Trinitarians

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

10:00 PM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members
Penno & Hathaway Families

12:00 PM Holy Trinity.....In thanksgiving

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Oliver & Rosella Gast

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....James & Evelyn McCarthy

Next Week's Readings:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick the first weekend of the month.

To Register for any parish please contact the parish office

For Baptisms, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound please contact your parish office.

PASTOR'S PEN

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said "Momma, how come ALL of Grandma's hairs are white?" So, how are you doing with the Advent call to prepare the way of the Lord?

On this *Gaudete or Rejoice* Sunday we hear from John the Baptist, a very important figure in our Advent journey. "There was a man sent by God to give testimony to the Light." John the Baptist is an important role model for us because like John, we are to lead others to rejoice in the Light of Christ. John recognized that he was not the Light, but that his job was to point to the Light, to give testimony to the truth of Christ among us.

Following the tradition of the prophets of old, John the Baptist announces Good News, amazing news, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and the true Light of the world. As witnesses to this truth, each of us is to stand up to all the worldly powers and figures of authority who live in darkness and say, "You are imposters." The season of Advent challenges us to "wake up" and to realize the One who is truly in charge and to place our lives in God's hands.

This gives us cause for rejoicing because we are no longer held hostage by an image of self that is dictated by what the culture says or to an understanding of success that is based upon commercialism or a moral compass that says take down anyone or anything you need to get to the top. God desires for us to claim our birthright as children of God and to live in the Light of this truth.

The message of John the Baptist is all about bringing others to Christ. Like John we are to build a highway that leads others back to God. By our joy, by our example of living in the Truth, we point the way to Jesus. It's like the small child who was drawing a picture on a rainy afternoon and her Dad looked over her shoulder and said, "That's a nice picture Emma, what is it?" "It's a picture of God" she replied. "But Emma, nobody knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, she said, "They will when I get finished!"

Your generous heart, your hospitality to the stranger, the smile you wear, the enthusiasm you radiate, the hope you inspire, the faith you profess, the forgiveness you share, the kindness you practice all help to point the way to Christ. This is what Pope Francis meant when he wrote, "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ—joy is constantly born anew." With this kind of Good News to share you can't help but be joyful! Through the good example of your life you can let the world know what God looks like!"

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Service of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated today, Sunday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Dayton. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to

preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects upon the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Special Confession Schedule (2 confessors)

December 19th - 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church

December 20th - 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church

December 21st - 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church

December 22nd - 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church

December 23rd - 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church

No Confessions before Masses on Sunday, December 24th

Dynamic Catholic presents "*The Best Advent Ever*" series.

You will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt and practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life. To sign-up visit: dynamic-catholic.com/best-advent-ever and fill out the registration form provided on their website.

FORMED.ORG for Advent Our FORMED Pick of the Week is "Mary of Nazareth." Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this beautiful film capturing Mary's special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and unwavering faith. To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

World Day of Peace--Each year, the Holy Father designates New Year's Day as the Word Day of Peace. This year is the Church's 51st observance of this special day. Join us to pray for greater peace, respect for life and dignity, and care for God's creation! In the Dayton area Bishop Joseph Binzer will celebrate Mass at Ascension Church, 2025 Woodman Dr. at 10 a.m. In Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will celebrate Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral also at 11:00 a.m. This year's theme is "Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace."

Save the Date: St. Vincent de Paul Conference Fish Dinner/
Monte Carlo Event, January 26th, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24^a

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church

5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church

5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church

10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church, Carols start at 9:30pm

12:00 Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Carols start at 11:30pm

Please Note: Even though Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, there is an obligation to participate at Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas this weekend. Attendance at one Mass on the weekend does not fulfill both obligations.

Christmas Day, December 25^a

NOTE: One Mass at Holy Trinity

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church

10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 10, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 7,920.00	\$4592.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$15,591.00)	
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 459.20	
Religious Retirement:	\$ 2166.00	

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Prayer List

Daniel Branch	Joan Hicks	Patrick McDonald
Larry Byrd	Charles Liebert	Bridget Portune
Lawrence Case	Richard Malafa	Albert Veith
Bernard Chachula	Mike McDonald Sr.	Donna Williams
George Hendrix		

Our SVDP Conference wishes to express our gratitude for the continued generosity of our parishioners during the holiday season. The abundance of gifts donated for our Giving Tree will help the families and children at the shelter. Thank you for making this possible.

The facilities committee needs your help! We are trying to restore deteriorated glazing on the school house windows and have about 150 window sets to restore. This will take a lot of volunteer labor to complete. Our first push period will be from Christmas break through the end of January. You should expect each window to take roughly 3-4 hrs to complete with a team of 3-4 people. We are asking you to sign up in 4 hr blocks to complete a single window per event. Dates and times are available on the sign up rosters in the back of church. An experienced member of the facilities team will be assigned to each window block volunteer team to assist with the process. In addition, we will pre coordinate with you using the contact information you provide us on the sign up form to verify final work schedules. For additional information you may contact Mark Ennis at 334-462-4283 or mennismail@gmail.com.

Advent Book Gift to Parishioners. The Evangelization Commission of the parish is offering the book, *Joy To the World* by Dr. Scott Hahn which is available in the back of church. This book will enrich your understanding of the scriptural passages concerning the birth of Christ and help you prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas. Reflection questions for each chapter can be found on the parish website.

What does your relationship with Christ look like? Do you see Jesus as simply a great teacher? A prophet? A man of great wisdom? Or do you see him as more? Jesus calls us to be more than simply believers--he calls us to be his disciples and his friends. The Gospel of John shows us that God became like us; he became a man so that we could become like him and grow closer to him. Study *"Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John"*. **Last day to register is December 25th.** Flyers are in back of church or call Susie at 890-6262.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 10, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$4790.41
YTD excess or (deficit):	\$ 267.36	
Religious Retirement:	\$3532.11	

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ConnectNow Online Giving - Last week we announced that Holy Trinity Church would soon be offering online giving. If you manage your bills online why not give to your church online? It is safe and secure and you decide exactly when your gift is made. So if you forget your envelopes or missed a second collection, you can go online and make a gift to a special collection fund or our regular offertory. Watch for additional information in future bulletins.

Welcome to our Newly Baptized – Cooper Michael and Jacob Edward, twin sons of Brian and Felicia Joyce. Congratulations to the proud parents!



Wine Tasting and Teaching

We are now accepting reservations and payment for our Annual Wine Tasting and Teaching fundraiser which will be held January 28, at 4:00 p.m. at the Wine Gallery and Café. Cost is \$40 per person. Call the parish office to make arrangements for your party to attend. We are limited to 76 attendees.

Following the 11:30 Mass Today, we will begin decorating the church for the Christmas season. We will need the help of many. So if you can come by, or stay after Mass and help, it will be greatly appreciated.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick up from the table in the back of church. Please take yours with you as you leave Church today. If there is not a packet prepared for you and you would like one, please sign the tablet on the table. Thank you!

Our Annual Collection of Gloves is in process. Last day to donate is today. The gloves will be distributed at Project Blessing Wednesday. Holy Trinity will be hosting the luncheon, so if you would like to help, please call Ron Bird -253-2344 or Debbie Nye 838-4837.

Calling all Cookie Bakers – We need your help to supply dessert for Project Blessing luncheon on December 20. Homemade cookies can be dropped off at the parish office on Monday and Tuesday during normal work hours and Wednesday before 10:00 a.m. Thank you very much.

Lector Work Books – Lectors, if you do not plan to use your mobile device or home computer to practice your reading for your scheduled time, please stop by the sacristy and pick up a Lector workbook. Please check yourself off as you take one.

Our Advent Almsgiving Project will be an effort on our part to help replenish the pantry at Ronald McDonald House. Items needed are: **Individually packaged** cereal, snack cakes, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit, Applesauce and Pudding cups, Chips, Mac & Cheese cups, Snack crackers, Dried Nuts and Fruits, Coffee Cremer and Ravioli. **All food must be sealed in its original packaging and have an expiration date displayed.**

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 10, 2017

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$8165.00
 Charity: \$ 666.00
 Religious Retirement: \$4176.00

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It's time to decorate the Church for Christmas! We will gather on December 21st following the noon Mass. All help is greatly appreciated and the church always looks great when we're finished.

Christmas flowers... If you would like to donate to our flower fund in memory of someone, please put your donation and the names of those you would like to remember in an envelope located in the pews and drop it in the collection basket. We will list all those being remembered in the bulletin.

Have you registered? It's easy...just call the rectory at 228-9272.

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

Cheryl Anderson	Carol French	Jim Peacock
Charlie Brown	Jennifer Grant	Tony Riggs
Chris Durr	Brenda Magnum	Jean Sichman
Bill Doherty	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders	Cody Landers	Tim Melvin
Michael Borgert	Greg Marcus	David Musgrove
Nick Borton	Alex McGarvey	Anthony Pelfrey
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Zachary McIntyre	Jessica Pruitt
Gary Eilers	Matthew Melvin	Susan Varmuza
Morgan Konsdorf		

Area Activities

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is offering a Day of Reflection for all those who have been affected by abortion on January 27, 2018. There will be a healing service, with an opportunity to participate in Reconciliation following witnesses and prayer. We invite you to: "Look into your heart, listen to the voice of God. Help yourself by accepting His love and forgiveness." Call the Office for Respect Life Ministries at 937-222-0227, or the Project Rachel Helpline at (513)784-0531. Register at: www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel/

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating High School Women
 The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010 with the goal of assisting young Catholic women in continuing their studies at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college, or four-year college/university. Applicants must be high school graduates, who are active members of a Dayton-area Roman Catholic Church, and who demonstrate financial need. The application can be found at daytonfoundation.org/scholars. Deadline for applications is March 9th at 4:30 pm. Questions go to scholarships@daytonfoundation.org or call (937) 225-9955.

The University of Dayton's Marian Library presents a selection of its expansive and unique collection of 3,500 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries. You can visit the exhibit through Jan. 5th, located on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library. New this year is a look behind the scenes at the Nativity workshop. See how the library and volunteers plan and construct exhibits and view a Nativity display that illustrates their 25 year tradition.

Catholic-Sponsored Divorcecare – 11th Year at St. Francis of Assisi Church A 13 week support group, held on Thursday evenings, 7-9 pm from Jan. 11 to Apr. 12; 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. To register, call Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Not a texting number) or mtoma@woh.rr.com. You are welcome if you are divorced or separated and may be going through a very difficult time right now. This support group deals with such recovery topics as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.



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